



President Charles Balcer congratulates the Rev. Dr. Arndt Halvorson following the award of an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree to him during this fall's Founders Day ceremonies. Dr. William Matthews, vice president for academic affairs, right, prepares to place the doctoral hood over Dr. Halvorson's head and shoulders.



Dr. William Matthews makes the formal award of Sophomore Honors to "the four students with the highest academic rank at the end of their sophomore year at Augustana" during Founders Day ceremonies. Seated, from the left, are Chaplain James Limburg, and three of the honorees, Anna Hamre, Clark; Linda Nelson, Marshall, Minn., and Curtis Roggow, LeMars, Iowa, while President Balcer waits to make the scholarship presentations. Another honoree, Kent Skalland of Sioux Falls, was unable to attend.

## HISTORY PROJECTS IN FULL SWING AT WESTERN STUDIES CENTER

Projects in the preservation of South Dakota history are now in full swing at the Center for Western Studies, according to Dr. Herbert Krause, director. The publication of certain documents covering the 1874 Custer Expedition has been expedited by the South Dakota Bicentennial Commission's approval in September of a \$3,610 grant. The documents consider this much-discussed Custer military exploration out of Fort Lincoln in a light markedly different from previous interpretations, Krause said.

The Center is presently micro-filming the Morrison Diaries under the direction of executive chairman Dr. Gary Olson of the Augustana history department. The diaries, consisting of 14 volumes written by Alden Morrison and his sister Zedie, are day-by-day entries describing with humor and keen insight life on a farm in the period from 1887 and 1899.

"The volumes are fun reading and well worth publishing," Krause reports. In this project the Center has had the enthusiastic assistance of Mrs. Henry Callahan of Sioux Falls who has prepared a genealogy of the Morrison family. The original diaries are in the possession of Mrs. Flora Buyse Brown, Littleton, Colo.

Dr. Olson reports that recently the Center has received approval in principle from the National Historical Publication Commission to support financially the microfilming of the R.F. Pettigrew Papers, thus making them readily available to scholars and investigators.

The Center is represented on the County Museum Committee which is

formulating plans for the preservation of the old County Courthouse and its transformation into a County Museum. "Our special task now is to catalog the Carl Heinson Collection presently in the Old Courthouse," Dr. Olson reports. Under Dr. Olson's direction, this project is being undertaken by Jim Ledbetter, an Augustana sophomore from Pierre.

Other efforts have resulted in the discovery of an unpublished 1849 Gold Rush diary, a Civil War journal, a collection of Civil War letters, a tape recording in Flandreau of Mrs. Grace Moore's remembrances of her uncle Dr. Charles Eastman (Ohiyesa), a group of letters in Norwegian about events in eastern South Dakota in pioneer days and the memoirs of a physician practicing in the horse and buggy days of our history.

The Center is developing plans to publish these important documents, all of which vividly picture the rigors of settling the vast prairies of what was often called Dakotaland.

### Virginia Watje Holland Member of Select Choir

Mrs. Virginia Watje Holland, a senior, represented Augustana at the 13th annual International Church Music Seminar at Roanoke College, Salem, Va. She was a member of the 11th select choir composed of vocalists from 32 Lutheran college choirs in North America.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watje of Dow City, Iowa, Virginia is majoring in music and plans on a teaching career.

## President Balcer Addresses Sixth Annual Founders Day

President Charles L. Balcer, speaking on Augustana's sixth annual Founders Day September 26, told his audience that church-related colleges "have an obligation to concern themselves with moral learning. Knowledge . . ." Dr. Balcer said, "is power, and any power unrestrained by moral sensibilities is a dangerous and capricious instrument."

"You cannot divorce moral learning from the Christian dimension," he said. "Our biblical faith insists that those who know the truth must do

### KAUR-FM Returns For Second Season

KAUR-FM, Augie's 10 watt radio station, greeted freshmen with the start of its second full time broadcast season this fall. Returning students found that programming had been expanded to 96 hours weekly, almost double that of a year ago.

Programs featuring a variety of music make up the bulk of KAUR's programming. The station programs more hours of classical music weekly than any other station in Sioux Falls.

"Jazz: The Intimate Art," enjoys an elite following since this is the only program of jazz available to Sioux Falls listeners that is more than an hour in length. Most of the music programming, however, is aimed towards a youthful audience with an emphasis on folk and progressive rock.

A unique show is hosted by economics professor Les Carson. Each week he takes a nostalgic journey to back when radio probed the listeners' imaginations during the golden age of radio. Carson reviews music of the time and has many interesting guests who comment on the era.

Public affairs programs on KAUR are highlighted by "The Open End," a weekly topical hour examining a current concern of the Sioux Falls or Augie communities. News director Bob Ellsworth produces and directs this mainstay of KAUR's public affairs programming.

Ellsworth also directs KAUR's news sources which include ABC Information Radio, United Press International, and the station's own news staff.

New this year is live coverage of all Augustana football and basketball games. Sports director John Archer says great cooperation from the Augie athletic department enables KAUR to get many interviews with coaches and players.

New sources for programming may come from the South Dakota Public Radio Network which is in the planning stages according to station manager Jay Werth.

KAUR is operated by a staff of 40 students headed by Werth and program director Bryan Bjerke.

Werth is particularly pleased with the increasing awareness that the Sioux Falls community has for the Augustana station. "Phone calls and correspondence have more than doubled since last year," he said.

He attributes an aggressive promotional campaign by promotion director Marc Helgeson and increased coverage of local news events as primary reasons for the new success of KAUR this year. He hopes that this increasing appreciation of the stations will lead to additional financial underwriting by persons in the Sioux Falls community.

"KAUR receives a generous amount from a student fee levied each year," Werth said, "but there are always costly technical improvements that can be made, as well as programming innovations that require funding."

more than tell the truth; they must also DO THE TRUTH."

He reminded his audience that Augustana was chartered to offer an education within the framework of commitment to the Christian gospel and said that this college community comes together to do something together—and that is to fulfill Augustana's purpose of providing a Christian-based higher education.

Church colleges have the task of maintaining an interaction between Christian faith and higher learning, he said. At church colleges this interaction is built into the institutional structures rather than being on the periphery of the school.

Quoting some of the findings of the STUDY OF GENERATIONS which compared attenders of church colleges with those who had not, he concluded "there is a strong relationship between church college attendance and some measurable fruits of faith and stewardship."

The moral qualities of colleges such as Augustana make them worth preserving, he said. Then, noting the tendency today to downgrade liberal arts colleges and to equate them with vocational training and other specifically job-oriented schools, Dr. Balcer said such schools have been successful in the development of knowledge but "their accomplishments are less noteworthy in the elevation of human consciousness."

Society has the right to expect not only that college graduates have a mastery of their fields of knowledge, but also in standards of personal conduct, he said.

"If we understand that we live by the grace of God . . . then we are free. If we are free, then we can serve," he said.

The Founders Day audience, assembled to celebrate the 1860 establishment of Augustana, also witnessed the conferral of an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree upon Arndt L. Halvorson, Augustana graduate of 1936 who is professor of homiletics at Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul.

As a teacher of the art of preaching, Prof. Halvorson was described as "one of the ablest communicators . . . one of few men who can communicate effectively with the whole range of parishioners, be it common laborer or university faculty member."

The citation which accompanied the honorary degree recognized Dr. Halvorson's "service to this church, his college, and to the field of theological education."

Following the formal ceremonies in the gym-auditorium, the audience which included members of the Honor Guard and the Regents Society, proceeded to the reshaped crown of the hill which formerly overlooked old Viking Stadium for another ceremony. Members of the Honor Guard, Dr. Balcer and Board of Regents chairman Marvin Gulsrud threw shovelsful of earth over the roots of a newly planted tree to symbolically mark the inauguration of an extensive campus beautification program.

The program has received the highest of priorities by the faculty, the Honor Guard and the Fellows of Augustana and it is expected that hundreds of trees and shrubs will be added to Augustana's already attractive campus.

Founders Day was closed with an informal reception in the Morrison Commons Lounge in honor of Dr. Halvorson and his family.